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August Newsletter

SAB Go Green
At the July 1, 2019 Commission Meeting, ordinances concerning environmental protection were discussed. The first Ordinance (19-03) prohibits the use, sale, and distribution of polystyrene containers (Styrofoam) and single-use plastic straws by restaurants.

The next Ordinance (19-04) prohibits the use, sale, and distribution of single-use plastic bags by retail establishments.

After public input and deliberation, the Commission decided to pass both ordinances.

For more information, please read our Go Green SAB Frequently Asked Questions by clicking below.

Go Green SAB Frequently Asked Questions
Residential Solid Waste Survey

The City of St. Augustine Beach is conducting a residential solid waste survey until August 19. Both residents and property owners in City limits are requested to participate. The entire survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

At the June Special Commission Meeting, the City of St. Augustine Beach Commission discussed adding a non-ad valorem assessment for the collection of solid waste and recycling, effective fiscal year 2021. This means that the cost of collection, disposal, and recycling would be paid for by the property owner. The City’s estimated annual cost for residential units is $468.24. The proposed estimated cost to residents would be $230, including the $74 fee currently in effect.

The City currently provides solid waste collection and plans on continuing to do so. The proposed increase in collection fees is due to the rising cost of disposal fees and would allow the City to provide the same quality and frequency of service.

The results of this survey will be discussed at the September Commission Meeting on September 2, 2019 at 6pm at St. Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080.) The public is invited to attend.

Take the Survey Here
July Radio Show

Check out St. Augustine Beach Police Department's Chief Hardwick and LT Harrell as they joined Communications and Events Coordinator Cindy Walker LIVE on WSOS Radio - St. Augustine on July 3. They discussed the new plastic straw / plastic bag/ Styrofoam ordinance, their upcoming event National Night Out, and more!
In an effort to reduce spending, the City of St. Augustine Beach is considering removing “dog tag licenses” from the City’s Code of Ordinances. By removing this from the ordinance, the City is expecting to save a minimum of $279 per year.

Please note, St. Johns County requires dogs to receive a rabies shot. If the dog does not receive this shot, St. Johns County has the authority to fine the owner. If a City of St. Augustine Beach property owner requests a license from the city for an unvaccinated dog, the City has the authority to deny a license, but not to make the owner get the dog vaccinated.

The results of this survey will be discussed at the August Commission Meeting - August 5, 2019 at 6pm at St. Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach,
The City of St. Augustine Beach Public Works Department is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Worker. Good physical condition is required for heavy labor. Requires literacy skills and current Florida driver’s license, CDL preferred. Paid medical insurance, holidays, and vacation. Competitive wages. Physical and Drug Screening Required. E.O.E.

Apply at the City Manager’s office (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach) or online.
National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
St. Johns County Pier—350 A1A Beach Blvd

For more information, call St. Augustine Beach Police Department at (904) 471-3600 or Contact@sabpd.org
Stay hydrated.
*During extreme heat, drink plenty of water even if you don’t feel thirsty.*

Not sure what to do with your refuse?

**Items you can include in the regular trash:**
- beds/mattresses
- box springs
- couches/sectionals
- dressers
- TVs
- Wood Furniture

**Items you need to arrange a special pickup for:**
- metal items
- appliances
- grills
- lawn mowers
- construction debris

Not sure what to do with your refuse? Items that can be thrown in the trash: beds/mattresses, box springs, couches/sectionals, dressers, TVs, and wood furniture. Items you need to arrange a special pickup for: metal items, appliances, grills, lawn mowers, and construction debris.

**Not sure what to do with your refuse?**
Are you throwing something away and aren’t sure if it can go in the regular trash or needs to be disposed of differently? Here are some guidelines to help you decide.
The resident/property owner survey determined that residents maintain a high quality of life and intend to maintain residency in the City’s limits. Survey respondents value a strong sense of community, nature, the beach, environmental protection, and small/local businesses. To receive a full survey report, please email Communications and Events Coordinator, Cindy Walker, at cwalker@cityofsab.org.
Survey II

Time for a second essay about the responses to the recent resident survey. It had several questions concerning paid parking. The one I’ll concentrate on here is “What solution(s) do you have to solve/alleviate the parking issues in the City?” There were 540 responses to the question. Among the written comments were these.....
Governor and Cabinet Approve Acquisition on Historically Rich Fish Island

Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet approved the acquisition of 57 acres on Fish Island within the Northeast Florida Blueway Florida Forever project.

The property is one of the last remaining undeveloped waterfront properties in the City of St. Augustine. Preservation of this important ecologically and historically rich parcel is vital for the protection of coastal wetlands that serve as nurseries for fisheries and maritime hammock and are essential for storm and ground water protection. Conservation of ecological significant lands also prevents development on coastal land susceptible to hazardous events, such as hurricanes, storm surge and flooding, provides the local community with continued coastal resilience.

"DEP is excited to have another opportunity to protect Florida's natural resources through this acquisition," said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein. "I'm grateful to all of the partners who came together to further the mission of protecting Florida's environment."
The Fish Island Site, known as “El Vergel,” was owned by Jesse Fish and his heirs from 1760 to the 1820s. The site is documented to have been one of Florida’s earliest commercial fruit plantations. The history and significance of the archaeological remains on Fish Island were formally recognized when the property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

"Fish Island, with its location in St. Augustine, is an important natural resource, containing the last significant unpreserved maritime hammock forest in St. Augustine, and its development would significantly harm the water quality of the Matanzas River, one of the few urbanized coastal lagoons clean enough to support shellfish harvesting. More significantly though, it’s a part of the story of Florida,” said North Florida Land Trust President Jim McCarthy. “Its historic nature is why it was put on the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation’s '11 to save' list of most endangered historic properties. If we could not have figured out how to preserve this land, it would almost certainly be developed, losing part of our history forever."

“Fish Island has an abundance of natural resources that are becoming increasingly rare in our region, which is just one reason to commit to its preservation,” said St. Augustine Mayor Tracy Upchurch. “The history of the site and of its namesake, Jesse Fish, is essential to understanding the complete story of Spanish Florida, and the preservation of the site’s valuable archaeological resources is critical to telling that story.”

The property will be managed by the City of St. Augustine as a passive recreational park, with interpretive features describing the natural amenities and archaeological resources.

“Just as important as the preservation of Fish Island are actions taken to ensure that Fish Island is protected and accessible,” said St. Augustine City Manager John Regan. “That’s why the St. Augustine City Commission agreed to limited improvements such as interpretive trails, parking for vehicles and bicycles, fencing as needed, and the management of the overall ecological health of the site; in short, to ensure that Fish Island is a safe and friendly park for the public to enjoy for many future generations.”

Florida Forever is the state’s conservation and recreation lands acquisition program, a blueprint for conserving our natural resources and renewing our commitment to conserve our natural and cultural heritage. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of State Lands is Florida’s lead agency for environmental management and stewardship.
Commission Meeting Notice

Monday, August 5, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Sustainability & Environmental Planning Advisory Council

Thursday, August 08, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Notice
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Town Hall Meeting Notice
Concerning Ordinances 19-03 and 19-04
(Single-Use Plastic Bag, Single-Use Plastic Straw, and Styrofoam Ban)
Thursday August 29, 2019
6-8pm
The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
605 A1A Beach Blvd
St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
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Are you or your business interested in "getting your name out" in the St. Augustine Beach community? If so, the City of St. Augustine Beach would like to invite you to partner with us as an event sponsor. Sponsorship includes numerous marketing benefits at our events and in our media, as well as the opportunity to support events that bring the community together!

For more information, please visit HERE and contact Communications and Events Coordinator, Cindy Walker (cwalker@cityofsab.org or 904-295-2271.)
This picture was taken in 1764 of the Governor's house, St. Augustine, Florida. Picture by Alamy.com

St. Augustine Governor’s House

Government House is located at 48 King Street in St. Augustine, Florida, adjacent to the Plaza de la Constitución. The building, constructed of coquina, served as the governor's official residence from c. 1710 during the First Spanish Period, throughout the British Period, and until 1812 in the Second Spanish Period. Wikipedia.

It is managed by the University of Florida and is a history museum, visitor information, archive library, meeting rooms and offices. It is popular for weddings. The east wing of the current structure dates to its 1710 reconstruction, while the remainder dates to 1930’s WPA effort. In 1821, it served as the Florida’s Capitol Building and as a U.S. Post Office, customs house, courthouse, and Civil War military hospital.

Hope you enjoyed this part of St. Augustine’s history. Beverly Raddatz, MMC, City Clerk.
Beach Blast Off

Accepting Vendors

We are currently accepting vendors for Beach Blast Off into 2020!

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